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WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1. A fabric having a face side comprising pile fibers having a free length between a proximal end and a distal end, at least a portion of said pile fibers having surface abrasions extending from said distal end towards said proximal end, wherein said surface abrasion are disposed from about 2% to about 90% of said free length of said pile fibers.
- 2. A fabric having a face side comprising pile fibers having a free length between a proximal end and a distal end, at least a portion of said pile fibers having surface abrasions extending from said distal end towards said proximal end, wherein said surface abrasions are disposed from about 5% to about 50% of said free length of said pile fibers.

A fabric having a plurality of free end pile fibers with a base section and an end section, the end section having disturbances around a majority of the circumference of the free end pile fiber.

A. A fabric having a plurality of free end pile fibers with a side wall and an end, further comprising the at least one fibril extending from said side wall and at least one fibril extending from said end.

5. The fabric according claim 4, further including a chemical lubricant disposed on the pile fibers.

6. A method of treating the pile of a pile fabric, the method comprising the steps of:

applying a forward abrasive action on the pile of the fabric; and applying a reverse abrasive action on the pile of the fabric.